

REPUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

November 2022 NEWSLETTER



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Republic School District Learning Community,

I am humbled and honored to be the new superintendent of the Republic School District, and to partner with our students, staff, families, school board, and the community we serve to ensure we meet the district's mission – "To cultivate a safe, challenging environment for achieving maximum potential and student success". I am deeply committed to this charge and excited to learn more about how our mission is being implemented in Republic Schools. This is a great time to be part of our learning community and I fully embrace this opportunity to lead.

I have over 24 years in education, with 12 of those in school administration in Washington and Montana. I'm married to a wonderful woman, Jessie, and between the two of us we have 6 amazing children, mostly grown now and one who will be entering 7th grade here in Republic. We are extremely excited to join the Republic community and look forward to getting to know many of you in the coming months and years ahead.

As I begin my work, I recognize there are numerous opportunities that our entire school community is excited to address. To make sure that we build upon our strengths, recognize our challenges, and identify the most powerful strategies to address those challenges, my initial days of service will include learning as much as possible about what is working for our students and where there are areas for growth. I also want to hear how we can better prepare and support our staff for the critical roles they play in each student's life. Lastly, I want to deeply understand our Strategic School Improvement Plan and how the transformational work that exists in the plan will become our reality in the Republic School District.

You will notice that we are currently working on replacing our roof on the middle school and high school, which will be the first in a line of much needed capital improvements for our buildings' infrastructure. This is scheduled to be complete by October and will be followed up next year with updating our water pipe and HVAC systems. You will also notice some school security entry point upgrades to assist our schools in maintaining a safe learning environment. While these are great first steps, there is much work to be done over the next few years to ensure that our schools are functioning correctly and operating safely for students and staff.

I look forward to the opportunity to listen, learn, and partner with you. Together we can increase educational opportunities for all Republic students to succeed in school and beyond. I'm excited for the upcoming school year, meeting our students, staff, and community, and seeing our students engaged throughout our campus! Please don't hesitate to reach out directly to our schools or district office for any support you might need this year.

Yours in Service,
John Farley
Superintendent of Schools
Republic School District





Communities In Schools celebrates student's birthdays at the end of each month. The students are invited to eat lunch in the "Tiger Cafe" with Mrs. Young (Communities In Schools Republic Site Coordinator), MS/HS Counselor Theresa Misner, and Superintendent Farley.. Each student receives a "Republic Tigers" t-shirt, birthday certificate, goodie bag, cupcake and ice cream all while playing "Bingo"!

Pictured is the August/September Birthday Lunch!

MUSIC NOTES

Happy Autumn to you all!

Our 4th graders played recorders last year so they are loving the opportunity to learn more about this 900 year old instrument. 3rd graders will get to start playing after Christmas. If you have a 4th grader they will be bringing their recorder home. Please feel free to send them outside to practice or ask them not to bring it home.

(PS..it is a great Christmas present to get a 3rd or 4th grader)!



I want to encourage you to come and listen to one of our upcoming concerts.

Veterans Day remembrance-November 10th @ 9:00am

5th grade beginning band-December 1st @ 6:00

Elementary students K-4th grade-December 8th @ 6:00

JH/SH Bands and Choir-December 15th @ 6:00

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at the school or email me at scromwell@republicsd.org

Musically,
Sara Cromwell
Republic Music Teacher

Republic School District

Cultivating a Safe, Challenging Environment
for Maximum Student Success

ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF REFERRAL FOR HIGHLY CAPABLE SERVICES

Referrals for participation in Republic School District's Highly Capable Services are currently being accepted. Highly capable students are "students who perform or show potential for performing at significantly advanced academic levels when compared with others of their age, experiences, or environments" (WAC 392-170-035). Anyone may refer a student including parents, teachers, other staff, students, and members of the community. Highly Capable Services are designed to address the needs of highly capable students in grades K-12. Referral forms are available in the elementary and high school offices.

Contact your Highly Capable Services Liaison Jamie Bouge at jbouge@republicsd.org or 509 775-3327 x113 Send Referrals to Jamie Bouge or the elementary or high school offices at:
Republic School District
30306 E Hwy 20
Republic, WA 99166

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Students, Staff, Parents/Guardians, and Community Members:

I hope this letter finds you refreshed, rejuvenated, and ready for a new year! Our dedicated staff are prepared to provide challenging and engaging learning opportunities for students in all grades. Our most important goal is that our students leave our schools ready to impact their community in a positive way, no matter where they are as adults.

Along with opportunities for students, Republic School District will also welcome new staff members into a new community, or just a new role for the 22-23 school year. Ryan Antos is our new English teacher for grades 8-12, as well as our new Head Football Coach. Theresa Finley's role changed to the 7-8 math teacher, 7th grade English teacher, and halftime assistant principal. Kristyn Gintz is our new half-time Academic Counselor. Katrina Sage is our half-time JH elective teacher. Armando Avila is a seasoned teacher who joins us as our 4th grade teacher. Scott Winters, also a seasoned teacher, joins us as our 5th grade teacher. Josh Zakar, whom you all may know, has moved into the role of our 6th grade teacher. Mike McRae will now be our Alternative Learning teacher. A new role for the district and Mr. McRae will be our outdoor adventure program. Mr. McRae has coined it "R.O.A.R.s" I will let Mr. McRae unveil the words behind the acronym, look for his report in this newsletter.

At the 7-12 grade levels, we have added a mid-morning break and extended transition times for students to get through the halls and to class assignments. Additionally, we worked on scheduling a few new electives to give students better choices, while still maintaining the highly requested courses like Choir and Band.

Cell phones:

While we concede that smart phones offer learning opportunities, we are one-to-one with Chromebooks in the 7-12 grades. Students will not need their smartphones with them during class time. We have purchased school combination locks for lockers. JR High and HS Students can rest assured that their phones will be safe, locked in their lockers. Cell phone use during class is largely away from academics and leads to distractions, and a possible drop in performance. This year, all students will be expected to leave their phones locked in their lockers during class time. This will help eliminate opportunities for students to take their phones with them when they leave the classroom during class time. We fully understand that sometimes students are simply using phones during that time to covertly meet up with friends, ultimately leading to a distraction from learning.

Students will be able to utilize their phones during a mid-morning breakfast at 8:50 and at their lunchtime. We ask that you speak to your student to help support our efforts with this "Zero Distraction" learning policy. Students who fail to comply with the policy will face disciplinary consequences consistent with expectations found in our Student Handbook.

Student Government:

We will begin the process of campaigning and elections the first week of school. This will include our Associated Student Body, as well as class officer nominations and elections.

Athletics:

Fall sports schedules are complete and available, winter sports schedules are coming soon. I will be sharing information frequently about upcoming competitions. FamilyID is open and registration has already begun! Make sure to get your student athlete registered for all sports. All seasons are currently open to begin registering.

As we begin the 22-23 school year, we are all excited to see the faces of the kids!! Remember, last year we started in masks. This year, masks are gone and we are nothing but smiles as we look forward to a great year!!

As always, my door is open. Should you need to speak to me, please feel free to reach out!! I am excited to serve the Republic Community!

Best Regards,

Loren Finley

BREAKFAST

LUNCH

NOVEMBER 2022

Republic School District

All Breakfast & Lunch are FREE for all students. Milk only - .30 cents
Adults: Breakfast- \$3.00
Lunch- \$5.00

Menu May Change due to unavailability

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Bagel
Burrito
Fruit & Veggies

Churro
Chicken Nuggets
Fruit & Veggies

Oatmeal Round
Macaroni & Cheese
Fruit & Veggies

Pumpkin Bread
Pizza
Fruit & Veggies

Mini Cinnis
Chicken Drumstick
Fruit & Veggies

Muffin
Tacos
Fruit & Veggies

Granola & Yogurt
Hamburgers
Fruit & Veggies

Breakfast Pretzel
Chicken & Rice
Fruit & Veggies

Veteran's Day
No School

Honey Bun
Country Fried Steak
Fruit & Veggies

Apple Frudel
BBQ Rib Sandwich
Fruit & Veggies

Oatmeal Bar
Soft Pretzel
Fruit & Veggies

Mini Bagels
Egg Rolls
Fruit & Veggies

Muffin & Yogurt
Pizza
Fruit & Veggies

Pancake Sausage
Pulled Pork Sandwich
Fruit & Veggies

Bagel
Nachos
Fruit & Veggies

Churro
Beef Dippers
Fruit & Veggies

Holiday
Break

Holiday
Break

Mini Cinnis
Burrito
Fruit & Veggies

Muffin Yogurt
Chicken Nuggets
Fruit & Veggies

Granola
Macaroni & Cheese
Fruit & Veggies



Milk is offered at every meal. Cereal is offered as an option at breakfast.

Breakfast is from 8:00-8:15 AM Elementary, 8:50-9 AM JH/HS

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

National School Breakfast/Lunch Program Non-Discrimination Statement

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bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.)

If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at: U.S. Department of Agriculture Director, Office of Adjudication 1400 Independence Ave., S.W. Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov

Breakfast After the Bell

The State of Washington has changed the way we provide breakfast to our students. We will be serving breakfast to K-6 grade students at 8:00 a.m. when they come in from morning recess. Students will eat breakfast in their classrooms. Grades 7-12 students will receive breakfast at 8:50 a.m. in their respective areas and will have a designated location to eat. Students do not need to be dropped off early for breakfast, as long as they are here by 7:50 a.m., they will be on-time for school and will receive breakfast when the official school day begins. If you have questions about this, please feel free to contact the school.

ROARS REPORT

Republic Outdoor Adventure Rangers is off to a ROARing Start!

As part of Republic School District's vision to provide for our students the best education possible, we are implementing a new program called Republic Outdoor Adventure Rangers (R.O.A.Rs).

ROARs is an outdoor learning opportunity that allows us to incorporate strategic educational activities in an outdoor setting. Students will have the opportunity to learn subjects like science, social studies, and language arts as well as skills like team building, collaboration, critical thinking, and leadership in a learning environment outside the "brick and mortar" classroom. The learning will be built around field trips that are kinesthetic and engaging.

Mr. Zakar's 6th grade class enjoyed a day of hiking around Swan Lake while making observations of three different ecosystems that surround the lake. After eating lunch students learned how to use a compass to find cardinal directions and then completed a closed course. While completing the compass course, students improved their leadership and teamwork skills.

Mrs. Torzewski's Kindergarten and Mrs. Campbell's first grade class both got the opportunity to tour Sherman Creek Orchard to study and learn about a working orchard. The highlight of the trip was getting to make apple cider and of course petting Keemo, Sherman Creek's giant, lovable husky.

A big thank you goes out to all of the parent chaperones who have volunteered their time to accompany us on adventures. Parent volunteers are a key to the success of this program.

Mike McRae



Upcoming Adventures

6th Grade

November 2nd Survival Skills

December 7th Winter Adventure/Snowshoe

5th Grade

November 30th Survival Skills

January 18th Winter Adventure/Snowshoe

4th Grade

November 22nd Survival Skills

January 11th Winter Adventure/Snowshoe

3rd Grade

November 15th Survival Skills

January 4th Winter Adventure/Snowshoe

2nd Grade

November 9th Survival Skills

December 19th Winter Adventure/Snowshoe

1st Grade

November 10th Community Safety

-Police Department/Postal Office

December 15th Winter Adventure/Snowshoe

Kindergarten

November 8th Community Safety

-Police Department/Post Office

December 13th Winter adventure/Snowshoe

Mark your Calendar!

Important Dates and Times for upcoming happenings at Republic School District.

EVENT OR ACTIVITY	LOCATION	TIME	DATE
Trunk or Treat & Haunted House	School Parking Lot & High School	3-4:30pm	Oct. 30
NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day			Nov. 11
Music Boosters	Music Room	5:00pm	Nov. 14
Booster Club Meeting	Library	3:30pm	Nov. 14
Josten's - Senior Orders		11:00am	Nov. 16
EARLY RELEASE for Conferences		11:30am	Nov. 17-18
Picture Re-Takes & Winter Sports Pics	High School/Elementary	starts @Noon	Nov. 22
School Board Meeting	Tiger Cafe	6:30pm	Nov. 23
EARLY RELEASE		11:30am	Nov. 23
NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break			Nov. 24-25

In the World of Sports!

OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME	DATE
CROSS COUNTRY			
Reginal Championship	Chewelah	TBD	Oct. 29
State Meet	Pasco	TBD	Nov. 5
VOLLEYBALL			
Oroville	Home	6pm	Oct. 27
Curlew	Home - Sr. Rose Nght	NOON	Oct. 29
Districts	TBD	TBD	Nov. 5
FOOTBALL			
DIV XO	TBD	TBD	Oct. 28
JR. HIGH BASKETBALL			
Northport	Away	TBD	Nov. 2
Nespelem	Home	TBD	Nov. 7
Curlew	Home	TBD	Nov. 9
Tournament	Home	TBD	Nov. 12
Nespelem	Away	TBD	Nov. 14
Northport	Home	TBD	Nov. 16
Tournament	Curlew	TBD	Nov. 19
Curlew	Away	TBD	Nov. 21

High School Athletic Event Admission Fees

Adult	\$6.00
Student	\$4.00
Senior Citizen	\$4.00
Ages 6 and Under	FREE

No Charge for Middle School
Athletic Events



Check out our Website, School App and our Facebook page for updates throughout the year!
www.republic309.org



REPUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #309

2022-2023 School Year

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First/Last Day



Early Release Days



No School

Aug 29-31	Staff Orientation
Sep 6	First Day of School
Nov 7	End of 1st Quarter
Nov 11	Veterans Day
Nov 17-18	Conferences

Nov 24-25	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 21-30	Winter Break
Jan 16	MLK Jr. Day
Jan 25	End of Semester
Feb 20	Presidents Day

Mar 30	End of 3rd Quarter
Apr 3-7	Spring Break
Apr 13-14	Conferences
May 29	Memorial Day
Jun 9	Last Day of School



Congratulations to Mr. Avila's fourth graders for winning the September Attendance Award!

Communities In Schools is supporting a MONTHLY CLASS ATTENDANCE COMPETITION!!! The class with best attendance for each month will win an "Ice Cream Party"! BUT.... It doesn't stop there!! The class with the best attendance for the quarter will win a "Pizza Party"! AND The class with the best attendance for the school year will receive a "Roller Skating Party"!

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Republic School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

Title IX Coordinator
Section 504/ADA Coordinator
 Loren Finley, Principal
 30306 East Highway 20
 Republic, WA 99166
 509-775-3171
lfinley@republicsd.org

Civil Rights
Compliance Coordinator
 John Farley, Superintendent
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 509-775-3173
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ALERT & INFORMATION SYSTEM

This system allows the district to have every student emergency contact number called in less than 15 minutes in case of an emergency. It is very important if you have moved or changed your phone service to update your records with the school district. This system will also allow groups to be called – for example if a bus carrying football athletes has a flat tire and will be late – the coach can have the Thrillshare alert system let parents know the bus will be arriving later.



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